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INCREASE IN PENSION OF EX -SERVICEMEN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently increased pension of ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the year-wise, increase in pension since 2000, till date; and

(c) the basis of the said increase in pension?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There was increase in pension of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) with effect from 1.1.2006, which is the first increase after 2000.

(c) The PBOR retire at a relatively younger age and the three lowest ranks viz Sepoy, Naik, Havildar do not complete the qualifying service for earning full pension even with the then existing weightage of 5 years. Therefore, it was decided to increase their weightage to 10, 8 and 6 years respectively subject to a maximum qualifying service of 30 years. However, in case a person was already getting more than 30 years qualifying service with the then existing weightage of 5 years, he would continue getting that. The pension of pre −1.1.1996 retired PBOR has been revised with reference to the maximum of the post −1.1.1996 pay scales.